



Aunt Dorothy's Corner

Dear Children:

We want all of you to read and study carefully the following about our new contest. Write to us and tell us what you think of it.

THE FIRST "MAGIC FIVES" PRIZE CONTEST.

Making "magic squares" is lots of fun and has been the most fascinating mathematical puzzle for over a thousand years, but it has never until last month been made into a puzzle for all of us. In January it was published in the shape of a small box with twenty-five wooden blocks and the inventor calls it the Magic Five Square. You can make with it the Magic Three Square, Magic Four Square and Magic Five Square. A magic square is a series of numbers arranged in a square so that the numbers in each row from side to side, from top to bottom and from corner to corner will add to the same sum.

The Magic Three Square is the smallest square that can be made magic. It consists of the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 arranged in a square three each way, and we offer as a prize for the nearest correctly solved magic square of three either a point box, a book, a set of pictures to paint or a "Magic Fives" puzzle.

All answers must be on the blank below, and remember that all eight rows of the figures must add up alike, the three rows from side to side, the three rows from top to bottom and the two from corner to corner. Address all answers to Puzzle Editor, Washington Evening Star, Washington, D. C.

Name.....

Address.....

Choice.....

Letters have been received from Earle W. Gardner, who sends us an interesting story; Annie R. Fuss, who made a pretty sketch; Edna Hall Smith, whose story will be published; Florence M. Kidwell, who wrote the story "Little Mary"; Lucinda Hoskinson, who sent a drawing of her horse; Levia Johnson, whose Santa Claus story came after Santa Claus had gone; Dorothy Scott, who is ten years old and writes a good letter; Marshall Darby, who is eight years old and likes horses; C. Hodgson, who has drawn a lady; Ernest S. Conrad, who sends us a drawing of leaves; Laura S. sends a note and a drawing of her little sister; Dorothy E. MacEwen, who wants to join the club; Edith M. Miller, who sends us a story; Alice Lynch, who sends a drawing of Buster Brown; Ethel M. Fuss, who sends a very good drawing; Arthur E. Birkle, who had a drawing printed; Louise Fuller, who sends a drawing of a girl.

Yours cordially,
THE CHILDREN'S EDITOR.

Dear Aunt Dorothy:

My little sister drew the picture of the setting of the sun, and she asked me to write a note so she could send the picture. She is only seven years of age and is in the first grade. She can draw very well. Her name is Greta S. I drew a picture of a little girl, but I guess it was not good enough to print and it was in pencil. Hoping to see the picture in print soon. I will close. Your friend,
LAURA S.

Your note was written very nicely.—Ed.

Dear Aunt Dorothy:

I thank you ever so much for using my letter. I forgot to send my self-addressed envelope, so here it is. I will now tell you a little story:

Once there was a little bear that lived upon a high mountain in his mamma's little brother. One day the mamma bear

was going out to get something to eat. She told the little bears to be good and she would bring them something nice. So she went to the farmer's and got a nice little fat pig, but as she started back who should she see but one of her little pigs who had followed her. So she put down the little pig and spanked the little bear all the way home and put him right to bed. Then she went to get the little pig, but it had gone home. Then she went to a place where some men were cutting wood and they gave her a loaf of bread, but the little bear did not get as large a piece as the good one.

Your little friend,
MARION S.

Write to us again, dear.

Dear Aunt Dorothy:

The other day I wrote a story called "Bobby's Encounter With Santa Claus," and thinking you might like it, and put it in the children's page, I sent it in. My nephew wrote me a letter some time ago, but it wasn't printed, so I guess it made its way into the waste basket. I sincerely hope my story will be printed soon. I remain your friend,
EDITH M.

F. S.—I will write again.

The story is interesting, Edith. It is late, now, but perhaps it will be published.—Ed.

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I was very glad to see my poem on the children's page. I saw you said to write if I did not get a badge, and I didn't get one. Please tell me how I can get in "Little Red Riding Hood."

I am sending you a poem. I hope it will get a prize. Yours truly,
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